



# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING NEWSLETTER

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## **Update on 2012-13 SBDM Training Material**

Drafts of the 2012-13 SBDM training materials are complete. The materials are now going through the peer review process. With the changes in the development of training materials and the monitoring of the training sessions, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will be re-endorsing all current trainers and enlisting others not associated with a school district for initial endorsements to ensure that we have current contact information and assurance for quality training.

Below is a link to the KDE SBDM Web page that contains the document that all of our external providers will need to complete and return to KDE. All SBDM district coordinators who are trainers for their districts do not need to complete this application for re-endorsement.

Face-to-face training sessions are being planned for all district SBDM coordinators and for SBDM external training providers. Those SBDM District Coordinators who attend a session will be endorsed at the completion. Training sessions will be regionally located during March 2012 and will be a half-day in length. More information will be coming soon.

For questions concerning the new materials, contact [Judy Littleton](#).

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/School+Based+Decision+Making/Technical+Assistance/SBDM+Technical+Documents.htm>

## **Frequently Asked Question**

**Q:** Do all school council meetings require public notification?

**A:** School councils must publically announce all regular meetings and provide a minimum of 24 hours' notice for a special meeting, which must include the agenda of the special meeting. Typically, during the first meeting of the new school council term, school councils will set the regular monthly meeting schedule (e.g., the second Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the library media center). The Kentucky Attorney General's Office provides information concerning public meetings and public records entitled *Protecting Your Right To Know* at <http://ag.ky.gov/civil/orom>.

# **Title I Schools Parent Involvement Policies and Compacts and School Council Responsibilities**

All Title I schools are required to have a parent involvement policy and compact. The policy and compact development must follow the school council's procedures based within the school council's bylaws. An additional requirement, based on federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, consists of an annual review of both the policy and compact. Check with your district Title I coordinator on ways to collaborate on this requirement.

## **Operation Preparation**

During Operation Preparation, trained volunteer community advisors will meet one-on-one with 8th- and 10th-grade students in a public setting at school. Using the students' Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), they will talk with the students about their career aspirations and required education/training; whether they are on target to meet their goals; and whether the students are taking the courses recommended to prepare them for their future.

Whether your student is in kindergarten or high school, KDE wants to partner with individuals to create an environment in which all students are given the opportunity to reach their full potential. One way to assist KDE is by volunteering a small amount of time to be an Operation Preparation community advisor.

## **Quote**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead, American cultural anthropologist

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